

CDC/ATSDR Information Quality Peer Review**CDC/ATSDR Peer Review Agenda****Title**

The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke—A Report of the Surgeon General.

Subject

This report is an update, evaluation, and synthesis of evidence on the health consequences of passive smoking.

Purpose

This report is an update of the 1986 Surgeon General's report, The Health Consequences of Involuntary Smoking. It is also based on an extension of the database used for the 2004 report, The Health Consequences of Smoking. The database, which will become available on CDC's Web site at the same time that the report is released, will enable users to explore the data and studies supporting the conclusions in the report.

Type of Review

Individual Reviews

Timing of Review

Peer Review on this report took place from July 2002-April 2005. The revised chapters were then compiled into a draft report that was sent to approximately 20 Senior Scientific Reviewers and 20 Agency reviewers (including CDC/CIOs). The Senior Scientific Review volume was distributed in July 2005 and comments have been incorporated into the NCCDPHP clearance draft and distributed for review.

Number of Reviewers

More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise of Reviewers

Peer Reviewers are identified by literature searches, authors, Senior Scientific Editor, and CDC/Office on Smoking and Health staff. Approximately 50 peer reviewers were invited to review specific chapters and sections that fall within their particular area of expertise. Senior Scientific Reviewers are considered experts of long standing in the tobacco control field, and are selected by CDC/OSH staff and the Senior Scientific Editor, and is usually drawn from reviewers of previous reports. This stage of review is critical in that it calls upon the expertise of persons from a variety of backgrounds, for an overall assessment of the report's merits and weaknesses, and a broad consideration of its conclusions.

Reviewers Selected by

CDC/ATSDR

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel

No

Opportunities for the Public to Comment

No

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments

No